THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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LET US

BEGIN.

FWOOSH

RISE!

MY PROTECTOR!

KHAAA

A DECENT SIZED AND STABLE FLAME GUARDIAN. LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT TODAY.

YES.
AS EXPECTED OF
A MEMBER OF THE WYKES
FAMILY!

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IT SEEMS
YOU WEREN'T JUST
FULL OF HOT AIR,
YOUNG BOY OF THE WYKES

TELL ME!

HOUSE!

BUT YOUR DISRESPECT
SHOWS THAT YOU NEED TO LEARN
SOME HUMILITY.

PONG!

BAM

A GOOD MOVE FROM THE EXAMINER. THE FLAME GUARDIAN WILL BE NATURALLY EXTINGUISHED ONCE IT USES UP THE LIMITED OXYGEN INSIDE THE TOMB.

TOO LATE,
MISS EXAMINER.

I'VE HEARD THAT
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN
A CASE WHERE AN EXAMINER HAS
GOTTEN INJURED WHILE TESTING
NEW ADVENTURERS.

WELL, I'LL
ALLOW YOU TO HAVE
THE HONOR OF BEING
THE FIRST!

BRAT.

BAM
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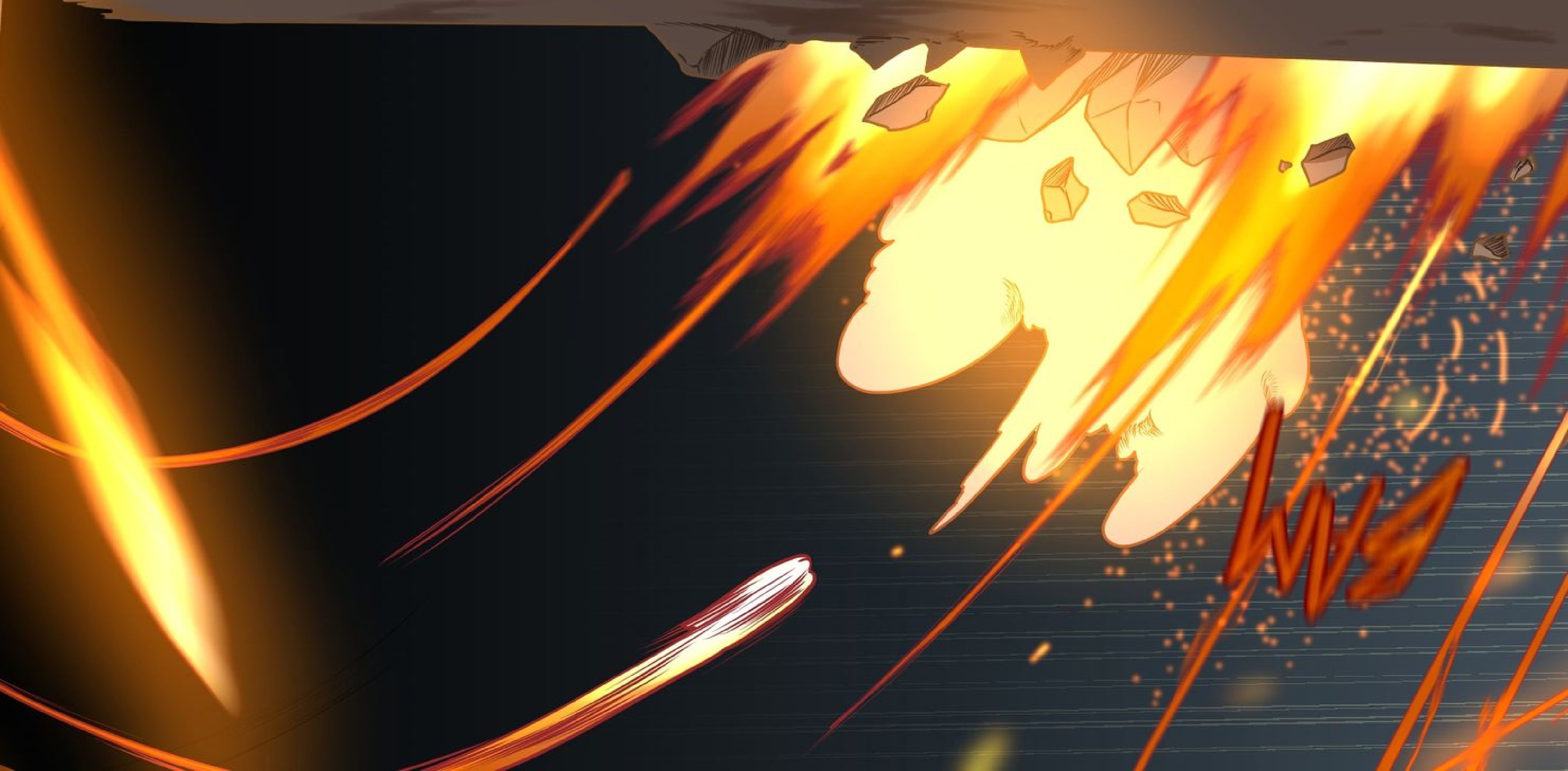
¡AHORA SÍ PUEDO MORIR!



BAM
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NOW!

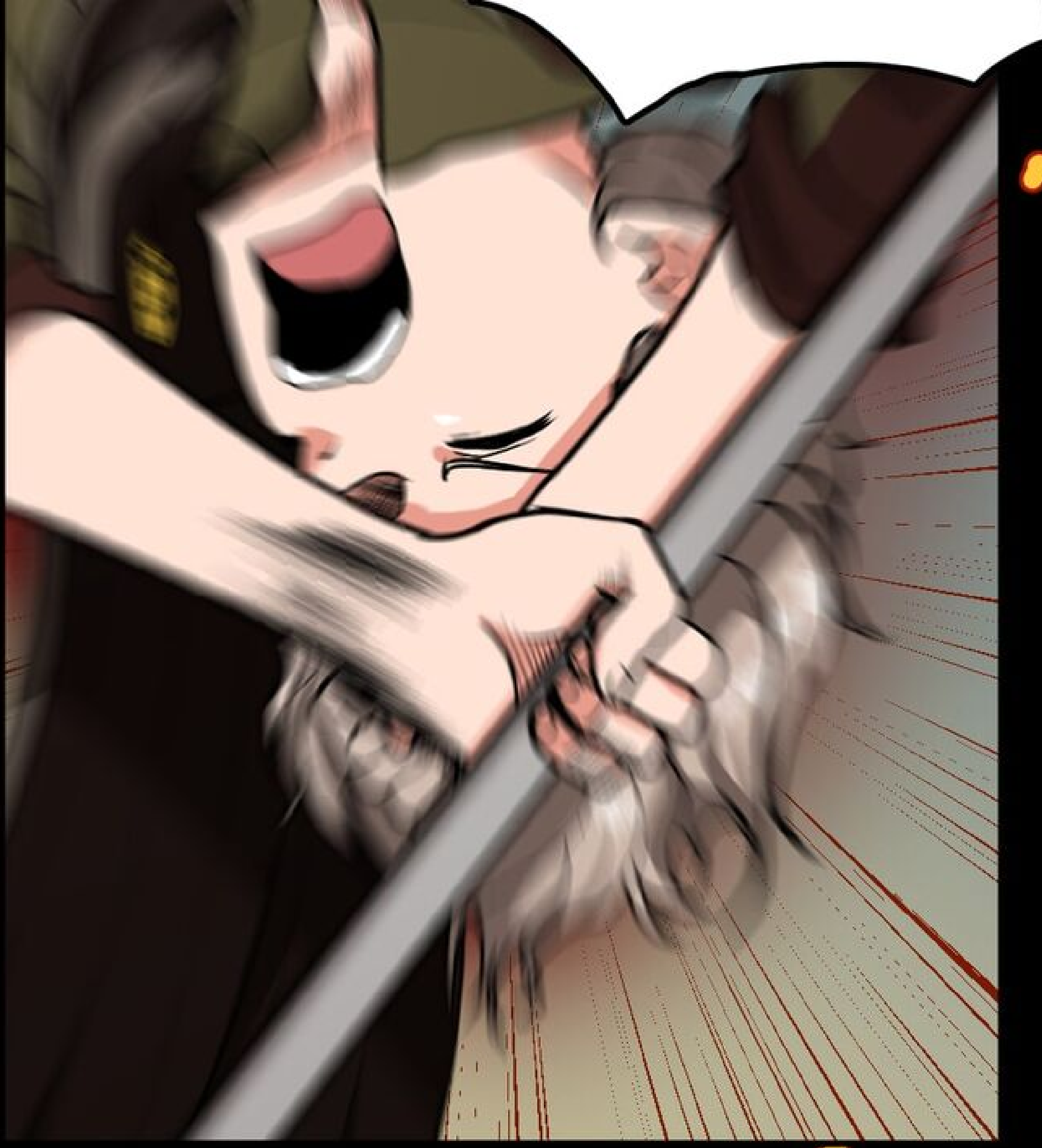
BOOM
KSOO

HS
SH

GRAB

HASSO

R-RELEASE!



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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR TIME,
MR. WYKES.

YOUR RAW MANA POOL AND
ABILITY TO LEARN HIGH-TIER FIRE-AFFINITY
SPELLS SPEAKS VOLUMES OF
YOUR POTENTIAL
BUT--

BUT
NOTHING!

THE TEST

ISN'T OVER YET!

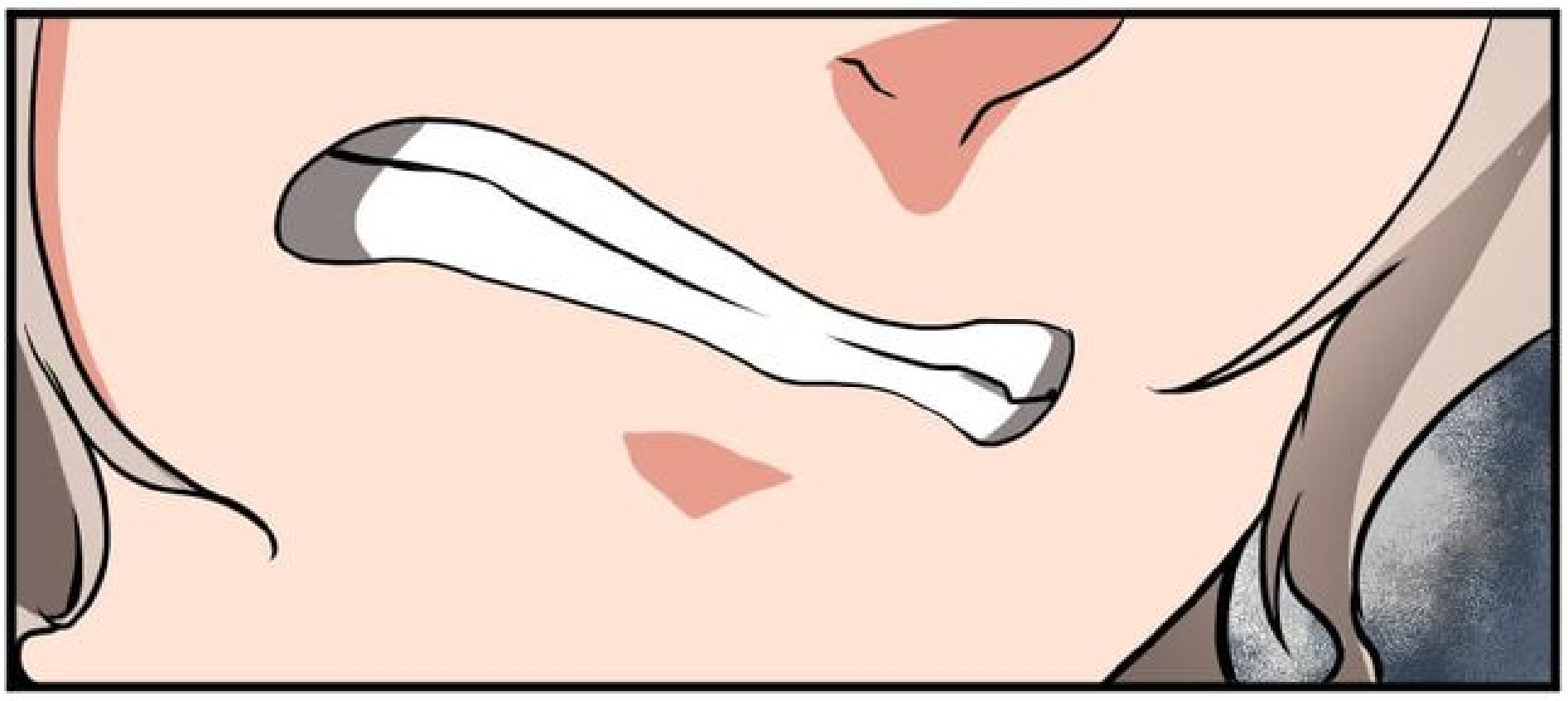
FIN

SO

YOU!!

NY

WHAT?!

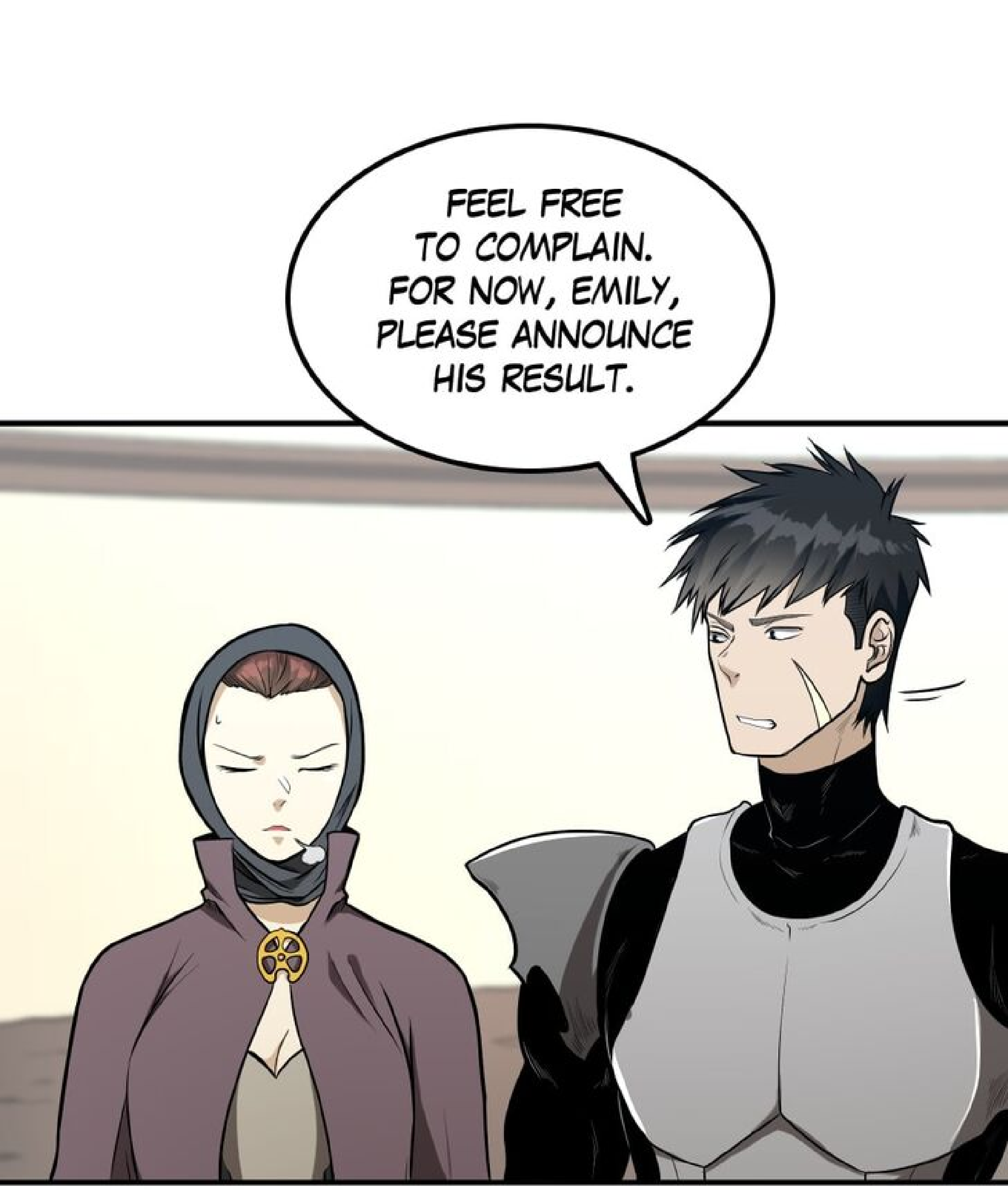


HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT MY EXAM, YOU DAMN--

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO BROKE REGULATION AND INITIATED A SURPRISE SPELL DESPITE THE EXAMINATION ENDING.

THAT WASHED UP WITCH OF A WOMAN WAS THE ONE WHO GOT IN THE WAY OF MY NEXT ATTACK BY BLOCKING THOSE FIRE BEAMS!

SHE WAS THE ONE THAT DEEMED THE TEST COMPLETE EVEN THOUGH I HAD EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL!


FEEL FREE
TO COMPLAIN.
FOR NOW, EMILY,
PLEASE ANNOUNCE
HIS RESULT.

AS I WAS SAYING EARLIER, YOUR MANA POOL AND CONTROL ARE BOTH EXCELLENT.

DESPITE THE FAULTS DISPLAYED FROM LACK OF EXPERIENCE,

IT IS MORE THAN REASONABLE TO PLACE YOU INTO B-CLASS.

THUD

YOU DID GREAT MAN,
CONGRATULATION
FOR GETTING 'B-CLASS.'

DON'T EVEN COMPARE
YOURSELVES TO ME,
YOU BLUNDERING APES!

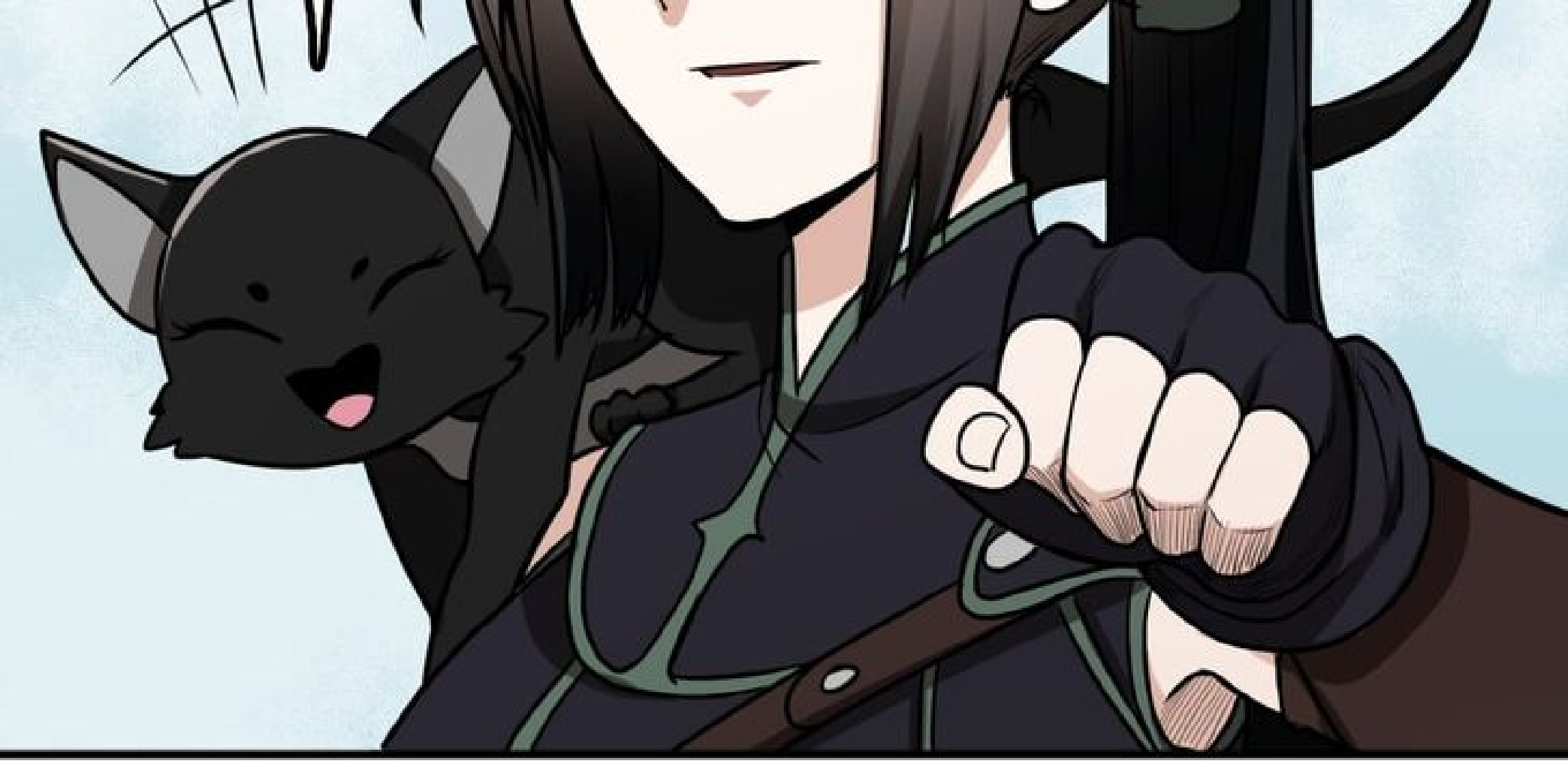
B-CLASS WAS A GIVEN!

FOOLS.
JUST WAIT UNTIL
MY FATHER HEARS
OF THIS.

AR--NOTE.

GOOD LUCK.

KYU!

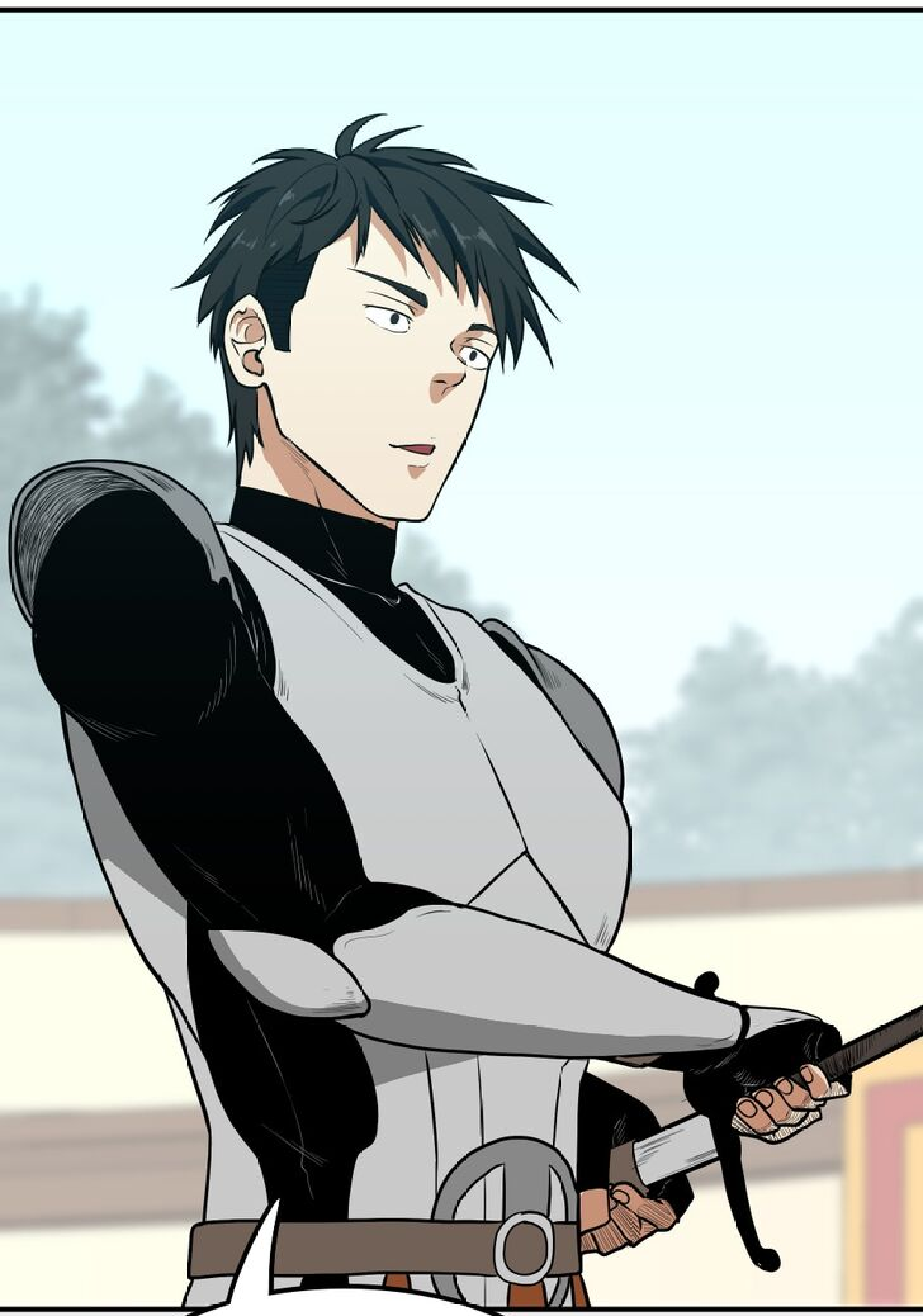


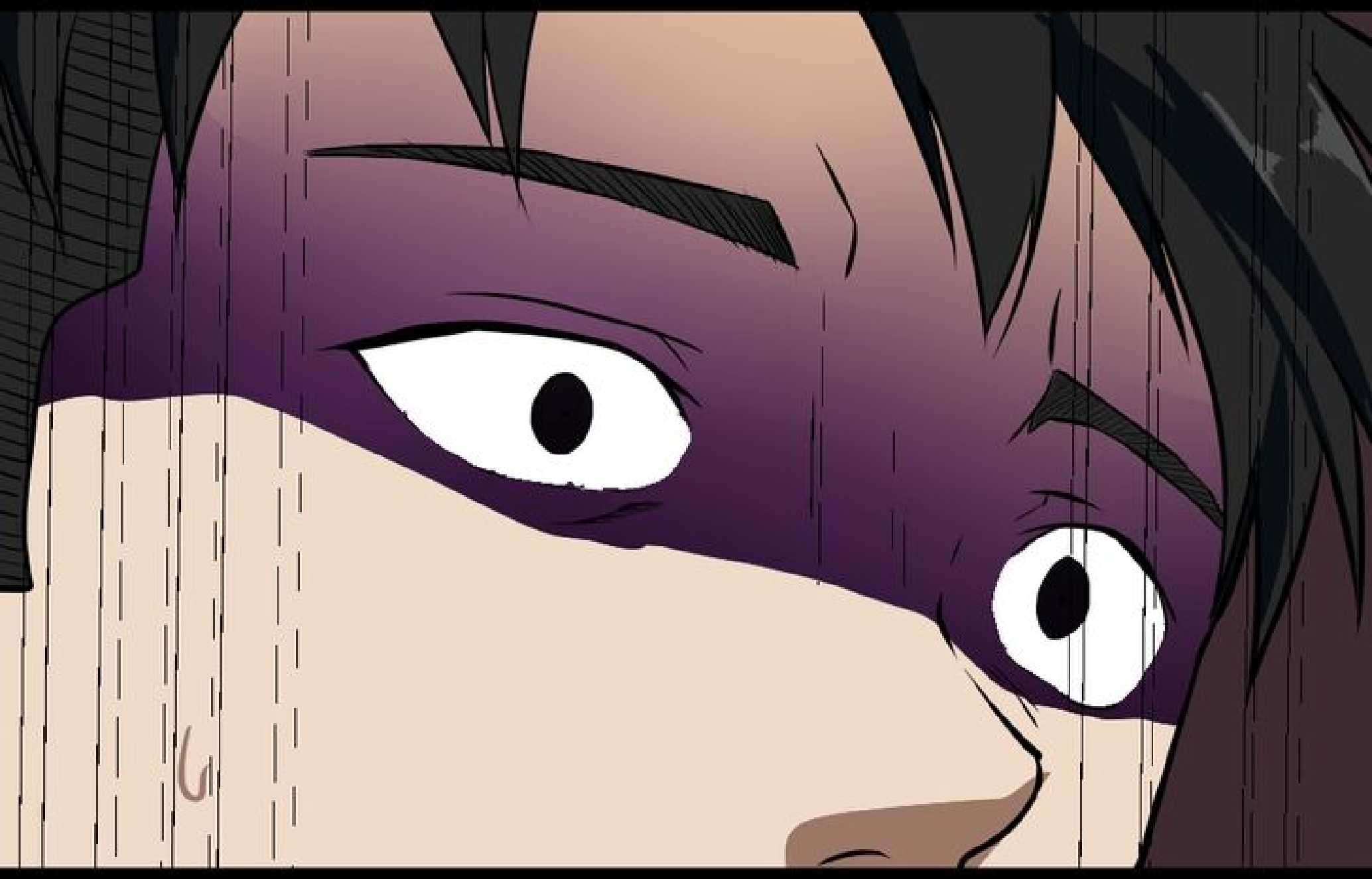
HOW SHOULD I BEST APPROACH THIS SORT OF WARRIOR?

HE'S HAD YEARS OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE WITH HIS SWORD AND HIS MOVEMENT WAS EXPLOSIVE AND SHARP, BUT HE WASN'T WITHOUT GAPS IN HIS DEFENSE.

HURRY IT UP!
WE DON'T HAVE
ALL DAY.

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE TESTING UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS, SEEING AS WE DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON YOU.


THEN LET'S SEE
WHAT YOU'RE MADE--



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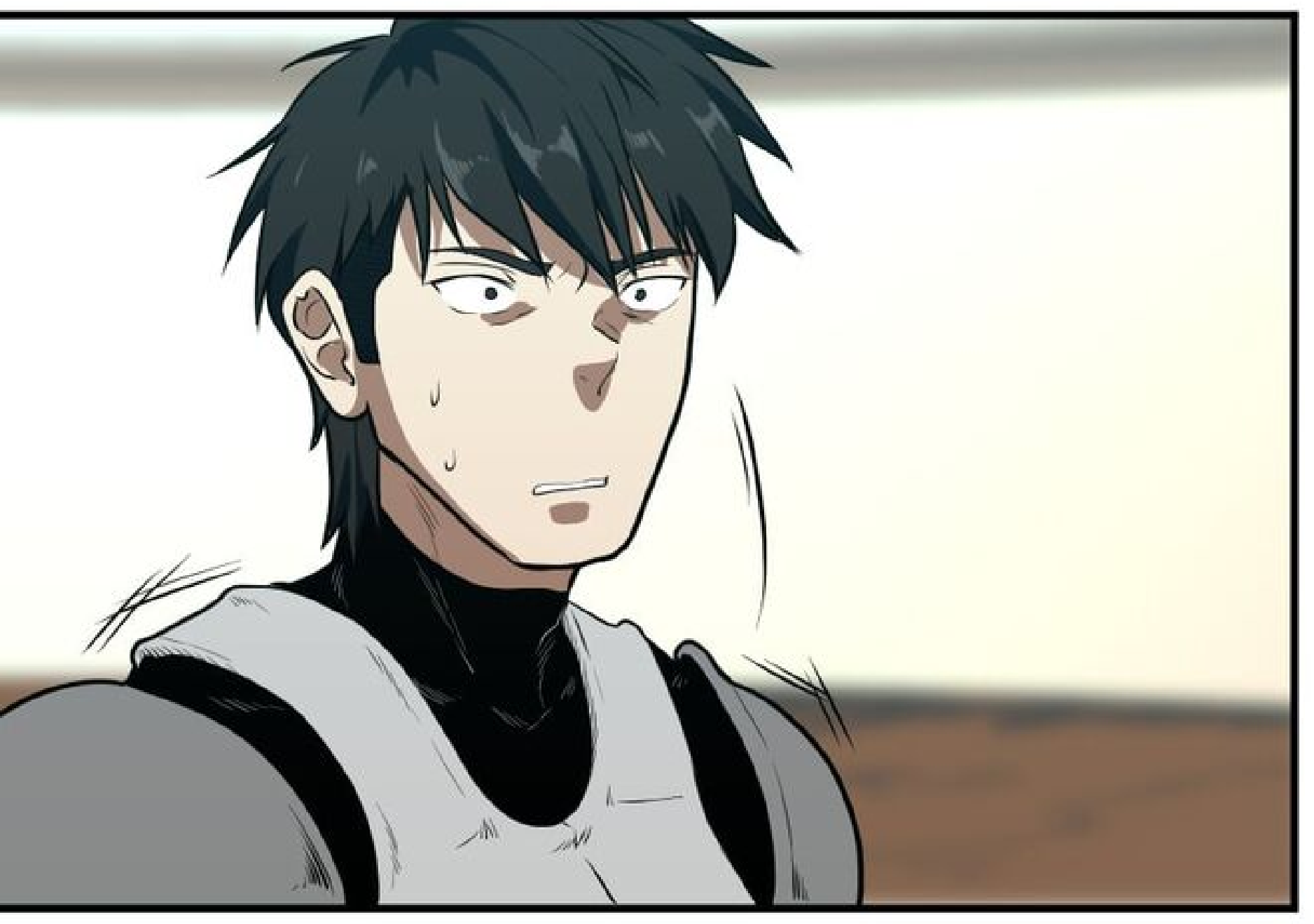
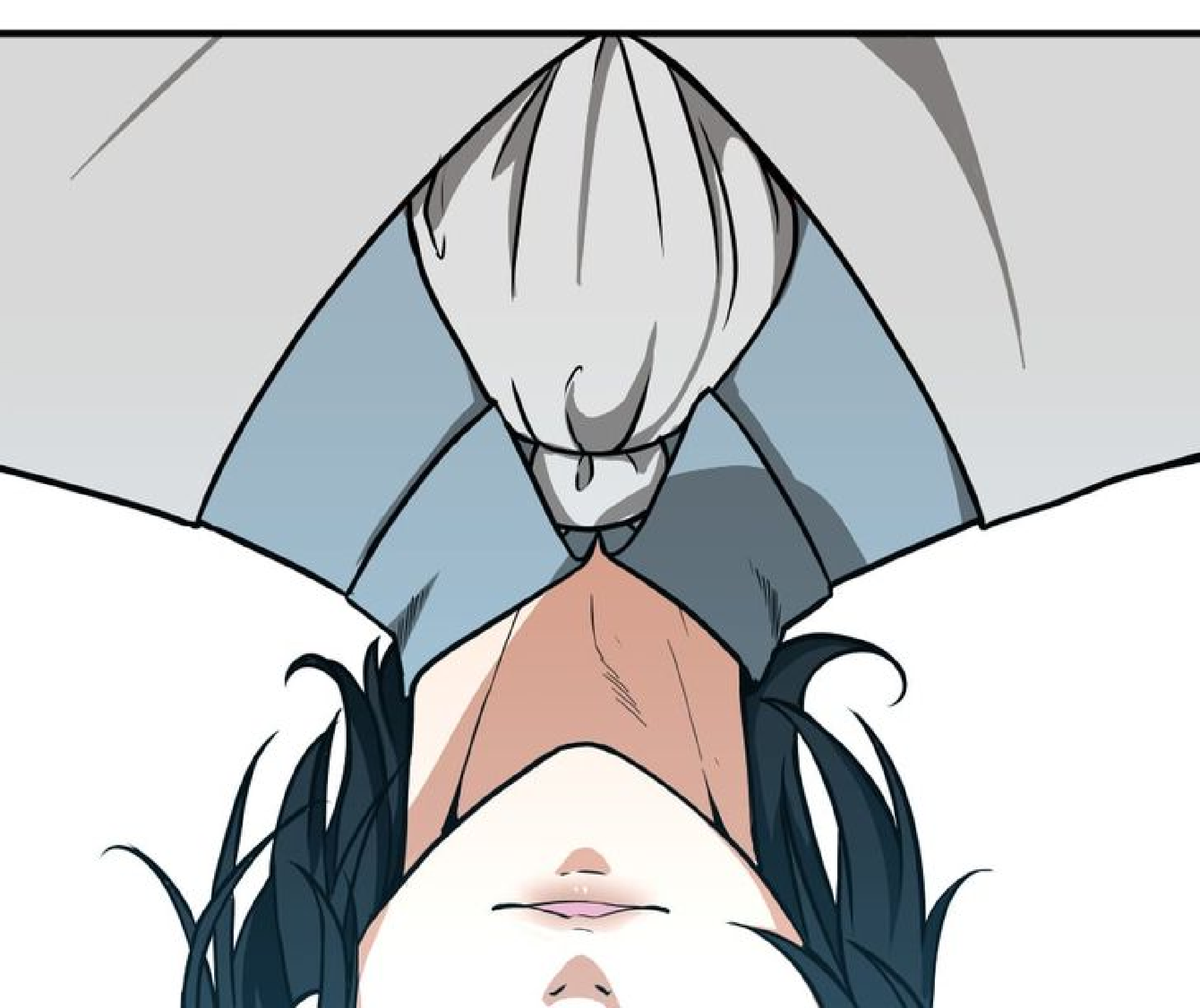
ENOUGH.



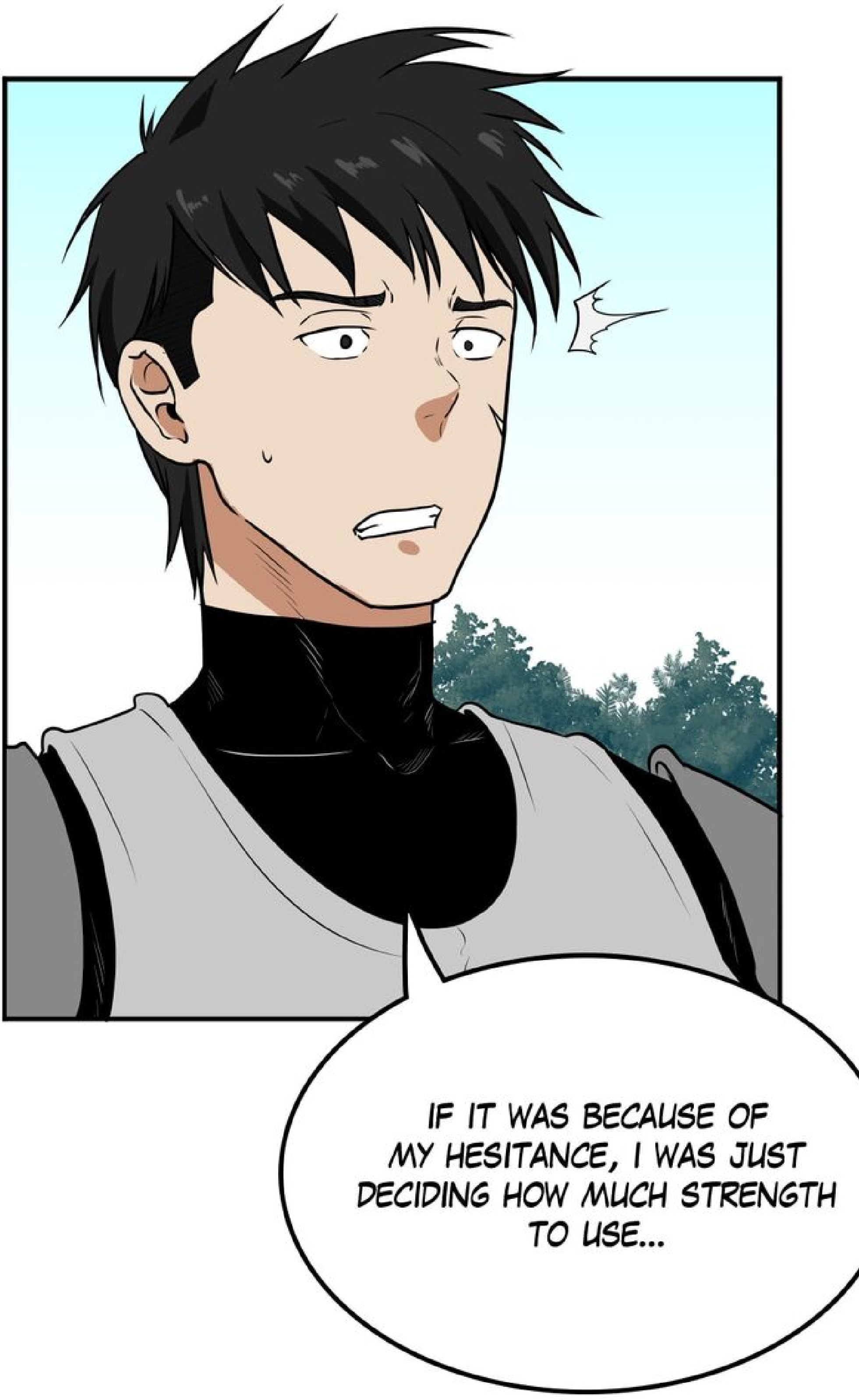
STAND DOWN, GEORGE.

I'LL BE THE ONE TO TEST THIS PARTICULAR EXAMINEE.



SIR?
YOU... WILL BE...
PERSONALLY EXAMINING
THIS CANDIDATE?

S-SORRY IF I
SOUND RUDE, SIR,
BUT IS THERE REALLY
NEED FOR AN AA CLASS
TO LOWER HIMSELF TO TEST
AN EXAMINEE, ESPECIALLY
A MAGE OF YOUR
CALIBER?



IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF MY HESITANCE, I WAS JUST DECIDING HOW MUCH STRENGTH TO USE...

I'M NOT QUESTIONING
YOUR STRENGTH, GEORGE,
I SIMPLY FEEL OBLIGATED TO TEST
HIM MYSELF SEEING AS HIS SPONSOR
AND I SHARE DEEP TIES.

THAT'S
SHOULDN'T BE
A PROBLEM... RIGHT?

MR. NOTE?

KEEP UP WITH US CREATORS
ON INSTAGRAM!

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